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KDHE Secretary Bremby has signed the reg change for Hepatitis B and Varicella for Kindergarten school entry. It was published in the Kansas Register on Thursday 3/25/04, and became official 15 days after publication on April 15, 2004. Hepatitis B and Varicella will be required for school entry for **Kindergarten students** for the **2004-2005** school year.

K.A.R. 28-1-20. Immunizations required for school entry. Except as provided in K.S.A. 75-5209(b) and amendments thereto, each child or adolescent shall be required to receive the following vaccinations before enrolling in any Kansas School:

- (1) diphtheria;
- (2) hepatitis B;
- (3) measles (rubeola);
- (4) mumps;
- (5) pertussis (whooping cough);
- (6) poliomyelitis;
- (7) rubella (German measles); and
- (8) tetanus; and

(9) varicella (chickenpox), unless proof of prior varicella disease is provided. This proof shall be verified by one of the following:

- ~The signed statement of a physician indicating the child's or adolescent's date of this illness;
- ~The signed statement of a parent indicating the child's or adolescent's date of this illness;
- ~Laboratory evidence of varicella immunity.

The immunization record of each pupil shall document that the pupil has received the vaccinations specified in subsection (a) from a licensed physician or local health department in accordance with the "Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule –United States, 2003," approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and hereby adopted by reference.

The previous version of the KS Certificate of Immunization includes Hepatitis B and Varicella vaccines and may be used to document those immunizations for the new requirements. New KCIs reflecting the reg change are available for use and may be ordered from the Immunization Program.